From: Szelag, Matthew

Sent: Monday, April 25, 2016 3:46 PM

To: Tabor, Brock N (DEC)

Subject: RE: Comments on WA's HHC proposal

Thanks Brock. Yes, I'm generally aware of the history on the AK arsenic situation, but probably have more to learn on the background. I personally have not had discussions with anyone yet, but I know it's something we'll have to talk about with you when the time is right. Same goes for methylmercury implementation and how implementation tools such as variances may be a solution in some cases.

Let's continue thinking on these and happy to discuss more at some point.

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Thanks Matt. Very helpful info.

Arsenic eh? You know AK was withdrawn from the federal regulations for HHC?... I'd appreciate knowing if this chemical and AK's treatment has come up in conversation around the R10/HQ coffee machine.

Somewhat expected the other comments.

I wonder whether there is a good response for not addressing methylmerc other than the implementation challenges it faces. Does it really make sense to adopt the criteria but then develop variances as the implementation tool? The argument is essentially the same in both cases.

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Hi Brock,

Wanted to share the comments we just submitted to Ecology on their proposed rule. Let me know if you have any questions. Thanks,

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